



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Local Groundwater Assistance, FY 2012-2013

Applicant	Borrego Water District	County	San Diego
Project Title	Borrego Valley Groundwater Quality Baseline Project	Grant Request	\$ 124,000.00
		Total Project Cost	\$ 131,700.00

Project Description: The Proposal evaluates the past sixty years of water quality data, while incorporating a baseline strategy of how future water quality sampling will be handled and design a monitoring program that can be utilized as an early warning system for water quality contamination in the Borrego Valley Aquifer.

Evaluation Summary:

Scoring Criterion	Score
GWMP or Program	5
Technical Adequacy of Work to be Performed	5
Work Plan	8
Budget	4
Schedule	3
QA/QC	3
Past Performance	5
Geographical Balance	0
Total Score	33

- **GWMP or Program:** A GWMP was formally adopted by the lead GWMP agency on October 18, 2002. The application includes a signed and dated copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Borrego Water District, San Diego County, California, adopting the GWMP and signed by the President of the Board of Directors. The application also includes an update to the GWMP which was completed and approved in 2006.
- **Technical Adequacy of Work to be Performed:** The criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. The applicant provides a description of the proposed project and its relevance to the GWMP. The applicant also demonstrates a long-term need for and merit of the proposed project. A commitment to incorporating well sampling into their existing well sampling program and to finding funding to support ongoing water quality sampling is provided on page 7.
- **Work Plan:** The criterion is addressed but is not thoroughly documented. The work plan describes in sufficient detail how project decisions will be made, what will be done, and what the product will be. Tasks are consistent with the schedule and budget and the proposed tasks can reasonably fulfill the objectives of the proposal and the groundwater quality monitoring goals of the GWMP. However, the proposal does not present clear criteria for evaluating progress and performance at each step of the proposed project. To obtain access to private wells for the water monitoring program, the applicant identifies community outreach as the means to identify willing well owners and implementation of formal right-of-entry agreements. However, the proposal does not provide assurances or strategies to obtain access to private property. Also, outreach will include the presentation of project plans and results to the public and stakeholders in public meetings. Compiled data will be provided to the Borrego Water District, DWR, and SWRCB but dissemination of data to the public is not addressed. Compliance with CEQA will be addressed in Task 1 – Project Setup, but no details about CEQA requirements or exceptions are discussed. No other permits or regulations are discussed.
- **Budget:** The criterion is addressed but is not thoroughly documented. Budget tasks are consistent with the work plan and schedule. Costs for a list of actions under each task and costs are broken down into labor time estimates for staff, hours and costs for consultants, and costs for vendors. However, no documentation is provided to explain how lab and GIS vendor costs were determined. Also, staff hours are considered “in kind services” and included in the budget but no dollar value is assigned to this labor. Other sources of funding are not identified.
- **Schedule:** The criterion is not fully addressed and documentation is incomplete or insufficient. The tasks listed in the schedule are consistent with the tasks identified in the work plan tasks and budget. However, the schedule does not indicate whether the date associated with each task is the start or end date. As a result, the schedule does not clearly demonstrate that all work will be complete within the required time frame.



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- **QA/QC:** The criterion is not fully addressed and documentation is incomplete or insufficient. The QA/QC section of the application is generic and lacks more substantive project or task-specific details. Although work products and reviews are included for each task in the Work Plan, QA/QC measures are not specified for each task so are undefined. The QA/QC appears to be consistent with the work plan but it is difficult to confirm due to the lack of detail.
- **Past Performance:** The criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. The applicant cited successful completion of 2 previous projects, funded through DWR LGA grants, and provided a copy of the performance evaluations for both of these projects. Problems were encountered but resolved in a reasonable manner on one of the projects. For both project, tasks were completed within the time allotted and within the budget provided.